

Private Land Claims—Hon. R. N. Stafford, chairman; Bailey, Goss, Shelburne, Lawhon, Harrison, Woods, Greer, Presler.

Public Printing—Hon. T. E. Boren, chairman; Colquitt, Harrison, Woods, Dibrell.

Federal Relations—Hon. J. H. Shelburne, chairman; Stafford, Dean, McComb, Smith, Atlee, Lewis, Woods, Harrison.

Privileges and Elections—Hon. J. M. Dean, chairman; Gage, Dibrell, Stafford, Lawhon, Sherrill, Smith, Darwin.

State Asylums—Hon. O. B. Colquitt, chairman; Simpson, Sherrill, Lewis, Harrison, Greer, Shelburne, Woods, Goss, Agnew.

Roads and Bridges—Hon. R. E. Steele, chairman; Bowser, Colquitt, Woods, Shelburne, Agnew, Beall, Sherrill, Bailey, Smith, Harrison.

Commerce and Manufactures—Hon. O. P. Bowser, chairman; Tips, Whitaker, Simpson, Rogers, Greer, Dickson, Presler, Lewis, McComb, Bailey, Crowley.

Claims and Accounts—Hon. W. J. Bailey, chairman; Colquitt, Steele, Dibrell, Boren, Shelburne, McComb, Gage, Darwin.

Labor—Hon. J. W. Dickson, chairman; McComb, Crowley, Harrison, Boren, Agnew, Darwin.

Treasurer's and Comptroller's Offices—Hon. T. E. Boren, chairman; Dickson, Shelburne, Steele, Bowser, Darwin, Agnew.

Military Affairs—Hon. J. A. Beall, chairman; Bowser, Presler, Lewis, Simpson, Tips, Smith.

General Land Office—Hon. W. P. McComb, chairman; Greer, Goss, Gage, Shelburne, Steele, Rogers, Boren, Harrison, Lawhon, Stafford.

Public Buildings and Grounds—Hon. Benj. Whitaker, chairman; Tips, Bowser, Rogers, McKinney.

Mining and Irrigation—Hon. R. D. Gage, chairman; Greer, Presler, Lewis, Atlee, Goss, Dean, Lawhon.

Insurance Statistics and History—Hon. J. S. Sherrill, chairman; McComb, Lewis, Woods, Colquitt, Bowser, Simpson.

Rules—Hon. W. P. McComb, chairman; Agnew, Smith, Lewis, Stafford.

Engrossed Bills—Hon. W. J. Bailey, chairman; Colquitt, Gage.

Enrolled Bills—Hon. R. A. Greer, chairman; Colquitt, Presler, Bailey, Beall.

The Chair announced that next in order was the election of a President pro tem. Senator Smith placed in nomination Senator Perry J. Lewis.

Unanimously elected.

The Chair announced the organization perfected, and asked the pleasure of the Senate.

Senator Agnew offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the rooms set aside by the Twenty-third Senate for the use of the different committees be now set aside to the same committees until otherwise ordered.

Adopted.

By Senator Smith:

Resolved, That Master Hinton Dickson be and he is hereby elected by the Senate as one of the pages thereof, whose pay shall be \$2 per day for his services.

Adopted.

By Senator Goss:

Resolved, That the Senate be governed and controlled by the rules adopted by the Twenty-third Senate until otherwise ordered or changed by this Senate.

Adopted.

By Senator Bailey:

Resolved, That the room heretofore used as engrossing office of the Senate shall be continued as same during the session of the Twenty-fourth Legislature.

Adopted.

At the direction of the Chair the officers-elect assembled before the Secretary's desk and took the oath prescribed by the constitution.

On motion of Senator Atlee, Senator Simpson was excused until Monday on account of urgent business.

On motion of Senator Boren, Senator Dickson was excused until Monday on account of sickness in his family.

On motion of Senator Smith, Senate adjourned until 10 a. m. tomorrow.

### THIRD DAY.

Senate Chamber,  
Austin, Texas, Jan. 10, 1895.

Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

Lieutenant Governor Crane in the chair.

Roll called by Assistant Secretary Sprowles. Quorum present, the following Senators answering to their names:

Agnew.	Lawhon.
Atlee.	Lewis.
Beall.	McComb.
Boren.	McKinney.
Bowser.	Presler.
Colquitt.	Rogers.
Crowley.	Shelburne.
Darwin.	Sherrill.
Dean.	Smith.
Dibrell.	Steele.
Gage.	Tips.
Goss.	Whitaker.
Greer.	Woods.
Harrison.	

Excused—Senators Dickson and Simpson.

Absent—Senator Stafford.

Prayer by the Chaplain, Dr. Smoot.

Pending the reading of the Journal, on motion of Senator Woods, the further reading was suspended.

The Chair stated that no business could be transacted until the Governor and House had been notified of the perfected organization of the Senate and its readiness to proceed to business; whereupon,

Senator Atlee moved that a committee of three be appointed to notify the Governor.

Carried, and

The Chair appointed Senators Atlee, Rogers and Colquitt.

On motion of Senator Goss, a committee of three was appointed to notify the House, to wit: Senators Goss, Greer and Beall.

Senator Bailey offered the following joint resolution:

Joint Resolution requesting the Senate of the United States to pass a Bankruptcy Bill.

Whereas, The disastrous financial panic which has prevailed in the United States for some three years past has visited bankruptcy and distress upon thousands of unfortunate debtors, and their hopelessly insolvent condition merits the consideration of the National Legislature; therefore:

Section 1. Be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Texas, That the Senate of the United States be earnestly and respectfully requested to pass, at the present session, a Bankruptcy Act that shall give relief to the large and daily increasing debtor class now existing throughout the country.

Sec. 2. That the Senators from the State of Texas be requested to use every effort to speed the passage of the desired law.

Sec. 3. That the Secretary of the State of Texas transmit, immediately upon its passage, this joint resolution to the Senate of the United States.

Read and referred to the Committee on Federal Relations.

Senator Atlee informed the Chair that the committee appointed to notify the Governor of the Senate's readiness to proceed to business had duly performed same.

Senator Goss informed the Chair that the committee appointed to notify the House of the perfected organization of the Senate and its readiness to proceed to business, had performed its duty.

On motion of Senator Greer, Senate adjourned until 10 a. m.

#### FOURTH DAY.

Senate Chamber,  
Austin, Texas, Jan. 11, 1895.

Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

Lieutenant Governor Crane in the chair.

Roll called. Quorum present, the following Senators answering to their names:

Agnew.	Harrison.
Atlee.	Lawhon.
Beall.	McComb.
Boren.	McKinney.
Bowser.	Presler.
Colquitt.	Rogers.
Crowley.	Sherrill.
Darwin.	Smith.
Dean.	Steele.
Dibrell.	Tips.
Gage.	Whitaker.
Goss.	Woods.
Greer.	

Absent—Senators Bailey, Lewis, Shelburne and Stafford.

Excused—Senators Dickson and Simpson.

Prayer by the Chaplain, Dr Smoot.

Pending the reading of the Journal, on motion of Senator Tips, the further reading was suspended.

On motion of Senator Smith, the Journal of yesterday was corrected so as to show that he was present at roll call.

The Chair announced the appointment of the following committee clerks: E. M. Sweet, Jr., on Committee on Finance; J. M. Lowery, Judiciary Committee No. 2; A. G. Dawson, Judiciary No. 1.

On motion of Senator Rogers, Senator Bailey was excused until Monday on account of Important business.

On motion of Senator Smith, Senator Shelburne was excused until next Monday on account of important business, and Senator Lewis until Saturday for same reason.

The Chair then laid before the Senate the Governor's message, and pending the reading of the same,

On motion of Senator Steele, further reading was suspended and the same ordered printed in the Journal.

(See Appendix A.)

#### PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS.

By Senator Gage:

Petition from citizens of Winkler county, asking that said county be detached from Reeves county, and attached to Ward county for judicial and all other purposes.

Read and referred to Committee on County and County Boundaries.

By Senator Rogers:

Memorial from Mary D. Proctor, praying for relief, etc.

Read and referred to Committee on State Affairs.

#### BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS.

By Senator Bowser:

A bill to be entitled "An act relative to suits for libel, and to better define a mode for procedure in suits for damage thereunder."

Read first time and referred to Judiciary Committee No. 1.

By Senator Presler:

A bill to be entitled "An act providing for a discovery of the assets of a judgment debtor, and the enforcement of such judgment."

Read first time and referred to Judiciary Committee No. 1.

By Senator Tips:

A bill to be entitled "An act appropriating one hundred and ten thousand dollars to pay members mileage and per diem, and officers and employes' per diem, of the Twenty-fourth Legislature."

Read first time and referred to Committee on Finance.

By Senator Tips:

A bill to be entitled "An act making an appropriation to defray the